DANCE ORCHESTRA—Front Row: Roland Hewick, Larry Scharff, Paul Hurley, Louis Lucas, Gregory Favre, and Gerald Gex. Back Row: Emile Carriere, Andrew Scafidi, Harold Johnston, John Foto, David Treutel, Gerald Kimble, James Becnel and Jerry Weigand.

Rock Orchestra Works Into Shape

The St. Stanislaus dance orchestra which reached its peak two years ago and astounded the local community with its concert, was laid aside last year for lack of talent, but it is now being reactivated. Members of the old organization who are upholding its tradition this year are Emile Carriere, piano; Larry Scharff, Paul Hurley and Louis Lucas, saxophones. Other than these four, the orchestra has been completely re-built from foundation to roof. New members are Gerald Kimble, James Becnel, John Foto, Charles Langley, Jerry Weigand, Gregory Favre, Dave Treutel, William Grace, and Roland Hewick. In spite of the fact that the orchestra has had a minimum of dates this year, it has built up a large repertoire of new tunes which it expects to present at the Junior Easter dance, here at the college, and they hope to have more engagements during this last month of school.

Band Makes Many Appearances In '51 - '52 Season

So far this school year the S. S. C. Band has stepped out many times in those red and black uniforms.

Their participation record thus far: Sept. 14, 1951, Foley football game; Sept. 28, Bogalusa game; Oct. 25, McGill game; Nov. 2, Petal game; Nov. 11, Homecoming activities; Nov. 16, Notre Dame game; December 9, Flea-Fly game; December 17, S. J. A. Christmas play, Movietime USA performances; February 16, 1952, Coast Band Clinic; March 20, Flag raising ceremony; March 24, solo and ensemble contest (Gulfport); April 8-9, State Band Contest (Jackson).

Appearances scheduled for the future include the band's annual spring concert May 9, and the S. S. C. graduation exercises May 25.

Graduation Exercises Set For May 25

Graduation exercises will be held May 25 instead of June 1 as was originally planned. This is due to the retreat which the faculty will attend June 1. This happy news was officially announced by Brother Celsus April 6.

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Excavation Starts On "Rec" Quarters

Excavation has started on the new recreation room for the big study hall. A good portion of the intended three feet to be removed hast been done in parts, and the work is progressing rapidly. The excess earth will be used to fill in low parts of the campus. The room, which is to be situated underneath the study hall itself, will be approximately 150 x 75 feet, having an area almost twice that of the gym floor, and the ceiling will be eight feet high.

The room will contain, especially, conveniences for rainy days and indoor recreations. Ping-pong, shuffleboard, card tables, magazine stands, lounge chairs, pool tables and work space for hobbies will be some of the appointments. The need for such a place as this about the campus has long been felt, and the dream of a good many people is at last to be realized. It is to be completed in time for the summer camp, which begins on June 22.

MOCK PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AROUSES STANISLAUS CAMPUS

After a hard fought campaign, two S. S. C. psuedo political parties placed their "powers" at stake when mock presidential elections were held April 14.

The two parties, the Dixiecat Party and the Rebelist Party, were composed of students in the two respective junior college classes.

Final results showed that the Dixiecats had won in a surprisingly close vote. Returns from the the three ballot boxes gave the Junior B Dixiecats a 206-201 vote victory over the Junior A Rebelists.

Elected to "office" were Curtis Simon, president; Gerald Gex, vice president; Richard White, senator; and Leonard Benvenutti, representative; Rebelist candidates were T. J. Gabb (president), Billy Gearheard (vice-president), James Curren (senator) and Frank Brown (representative).

The election ballots carried blocks for the voting of straight party tickets only. The entire student body of 406 was eligible to vote.

The Australian system ballotting followed a week of intensive campaigning by both parties' quests for office. The Rebelists distributed bubble gum to gain the small-fry's vote, while the Dixiecat followers paraded their mascot cat "Dixie" about the campus.

Preceding the public maneuvering of the parties, the junior civics classes studied and demonstrated the activities of national party conventions.

The prime purpose of this extra-curriculum activity was to give the students practice in democratic procedure.

PROM NEWS

The big future event among the Juniors and Seniors is the Prom which will be held May 16. Billy Gearheard, president of the Junior Class announced that the Prom will be held at the Hotel Markham, Gulfport, Mississippi.

This strays from the custom of having the big social event of the year at the school.

FIFTH TERM HONOR ROLL

SENIORS—Milton Cuevas, William Grace, Paul Hurley, Jaime Pons, Casper Scalice, Estorge Sibille, Robert Weigand.

JUNIORS—Leonard Angelle, James Curran, Robert Falgout, Moises Garcia, Gerald Gaudet, Richard Harris, Eric Kronengold, Pat Lamey, Donald Levy, Wallace Papadopolo, Larry Scharff, Joseph Shea, Norman Vetter, Richard White.

SOPHOMORES—James Becnel, Anthony Benigno, A. J. Burke, Charles Ferry, Ernest Posey, Albert Simpson, Auburn Thibodeaux, Charles Westcott.

FRESHMEN—Charles Davis, Louis Ladner, Anthony Loiacano, William Lucas, Donald Kirkpatrick, Carlos Montemayor, Edward Perry, Carlos Pons, Warren Herron, Bertrand Wittmann.

EIGHTH GRADE—Hector Bourg, Leigh Carroll, Rodney Cooper, John Curran, Leon Fazzio, George Hewick, Jack Johnson, Larry Mathes, John Matranga, Albert Saucier.

SEVENTH GRADE—Edsel Aucoin, Kenney Artigues, Tho. Baldenhofer, Charles Bishop, Arthur Chapman, Joe Delph, Pat Favre, Leon Gaudin, Walter Gex, Pete Henderson, Bob Hubbard, John Joyce, Bobby Sayle, John Sebastian, Wally Shettlemore, Teddy Stechmann, Gus Thomas.

SIXTH GRADE—R. Bing, D. Campbell, L. Cuevas, W. Ellis, D. Garcia, J. Garriga, T. Gaudet, J. Griffin, John Kelly, A. Kergosien, M. Ladner, H. Lang, R. Martin, W. McMahon, D. Mooney, T. Moran, R. Morrison, F. Rapier, J. Raymond, S. Robino, C. Scafidi, S. Seuzeneau, N. Weeler, C. Wittmann

FIFTH GRADE—Edmund Blaize, Frederick Bourgeois, William Brink, Joseph Carroll, Norman Cook, Pat Curran, Scott Favre, Wilson Forrest, Eugene Hays, Herman Jacobi, Michael Le Jeune, Semmes Luckett, Robert Morel, Frank Peterson, John Saucier, John Robino, Jarrian Villere.

FOURTH GRADE—David Bishop, Bruce Campbell, Fred Carroll, James Chiniche, Russ Copping, Frederick Drouant, Ronald Favre, Francis Ferry, Larry Foster, Alvin Genin, Robert Genin, John Gambine, Charles Giametta, Robert Granat, Wayne Heitzmann, Robert Henley, Alvin Jones, Kenneth Pepperdene, Kennison Ray III, Jerry Scafidi, Curtis Thomas.

BAND CONCERT SLATED FOR EARLY IN MAY

The St. Stanislaus Band will give its annual Spring Concert on May 9 at St. Joseph's Academy auditorium. This will be the band's first appearance on the concert stage this year.

The program this year will cover a wide field of music including popular, operatic and classical with a touch of folk tune mixed in. Body and Soul and Embraceable You along with a touch of jazz in the form of Rhapsody in Blue comprise the lighter side of the program. The contest entries included Melodic Overture, Student Prince and a march, the Footlifter.

Also on the program are some of the solos and ensembles entered in the state contest last month.

Brother Martial, serving his first year as band director at St. Stanislaus, has done a fine job in molding this year's organization into a superior rating band.

The new band director has gone to considerable work to attract new musical talent into the band. A fine promising group of junior band members sufficiently advanced in the rudiments of music to be presented in public concert, is one of the fruits of Brother Martial's untiring efforts for the success of the band.

Before coming to Stanislaus, he directed school bands at Menard Memorial in Alexandria, La.; Catholic High School in Baton Rouge, La., and Thibodeaux College in Thibodeaux, La.

Brother Martial received his early training in music under Professor Traverna, director of St. Aloysius band. He was a member of the St. Aloysius band for six years, specializing in playing the trumpet.

'SUPERIOR' WON BY S. S. C. BAND

The band returned from Jackson, Mississippi, last week bringing with them the pride of having taken top honors in the state band contest marching division. Although receiving excellent rating in sight-reading and very good in concert work, the superior obtained medals for the entire band and a plaque for the school.

The band in the midst of its rebuilding campaign, was under great pressure this year in trying to uphold the reputation set down for it in previous years. Another plaque to add to the already numerous collection will be very appropriate for the entrance into the newly completed band hall.

Chuck Langley received a superior rating as a signal drum major. His leadership on the field was flawless.

The Band Deserves A Place

A school band. Every school has one. Why is it so common. Why even have one?

These are some questions that may not have ever entered your mind, but they cover a lot of territory.

The answer to the first question is purely a personal one and one which could even be considered selfish. From the beginning of time man has enjoyed the fine arts. In the books of the Bible it is often mentioned of the great men enjoying music. Coming down through the ages, music is seen in various types and forms of development, but always as a necessory part of society. The high school band, although it doesn't go into the most technical dissertations on the making of the world of music, does lead the student to a great appreciation of the highest of all arts, and all through his life this can be a source of entertainment. Along with this it has a great deal of character training in teaching the individual to act with the whole unit.

Synonymous with the football team on the gridiron, we see the gaily uniformed bandmen always the center of spirit in the stands or on the field at half-time. At the pregame pep rallies, the student body meetings or graduation exercises; all of these are "musts" with the school band. Local civic celebrations and gatherings always see the band entertaining. The band fills the crowd with patriotic and martial music, and it could be said that this group is the representative and contact of the school in such affairs.

Last, but not least, there is the pride and notoriety that a good band can bring to the school colors with its successful participation in state competition.

Coming Into The Home Stretch

"Only one more set of six weeks tests." These words ring joyously in the ears of many anticipating the coming summer vacation, but they sound a challenging warning to those boys who have not been up to par in their scholastic marks.

The school year is running out and the time to START to work is long past; the time to WORK is not. For the student who has made satisfactory grades, the time is at hand to put that last ounce of study-reserve into action and finish the race with a burst of speed. For the boy who is tightrope walking the road to promotion, serious study must be used as a balance to bring him successfully to the conclusion of the year.

Whatever category you may come under, whatever be your motive, make the coming effort your best.

In October 1949, the longest, drearist and most controversial criminal trial in American history came to a close. The defendants were eleven members of the national committee of the Communist Party, the so-called American Politburo The Commies lost their case; they were convicted and jailed for conspiring to teach and advocate the overthow of the United States government. This first big American round-up of Red agents and the 81st Congress's legislation requiring all Communist Party members to register with the government has brought the Party to its lowest ebb since its founding in Chicago 23 years ago.

What is not known, and may well never be known until the delicate instance of crisis, is how many non-card-carrying Soviet espionage and sabotage agents are planted in the country. Surely, just because they feel that it is getting too hot to stay in the Party, the professional Reds are not going to abandon the evil couse of communism to run a dying course in the hands of amateur Communist labor leaders.

The enforcement of the Smith Act has only chased the dangerous elements of the Party underground. The front offices now serve to decoy attention from what FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover calls a "hard core" of trained saboteurs. The Federal Bueau of Investigation has, according to some informants, a complete file on the 40,000-odd card-carrying members of the Party. But how complete a file did the Justice Department's investigating agency have on Harry Gold, Alger Hiss, Judy Coplon, Elizabeth Bentley and David Greenglass?

This column does not seek to condemn the Justice Department's action of clamping down on the Communists, but it does question the department's knowledge of subversive activity. No effort should be spared in hunting the undercover agents of the threatening Communist Party which warned as long ago as March 1949 that in the event of war between the United States and Russia, its allegiance would be with the Kremlin.

THE ST. STANISLAUS MARCHING BAND, posed in street parade formation, took top honors at the State Contest in Jackson, April 8.

Types of Music And Their Effects

by EMILE CARRIERE

Music is a series of sounds pleasing to the ear. These sounds have an effect upon the auditory nerves, and are transmitted to the brain. But the sensation doesn't stop there. Music, unconsciously, has an effect upon the nervous system, either to soothe the mind or to agitate it. It is very difficult to study with Rag" blaring in your ear, but a sonata or something on the order of "Tell Me Why" may even help you to concentrate if you are keyed up or nervous. This, of course, doesn't apply if you are more intent upon listening to the music than on your studies. Soft music in a restaurant gives it an "atmosphere," for you don't have to listen to music to enjoy it. In fact, you may be oblivious of it, but this "don't make no never-mind." Music can be just as intoxicating as liquor, or as suggestive as any Class "C" movie, and there are many people who couldn't get along without it. William Congreve was very right when he wrote:

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast,
To soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak."

Roving Reporter

Because of the many requests for an article dealing with the boys on the campus and their activities, the Roving Reporter was originated and adopted by the St. Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaw staff. This article will continue to appear in every issue of the Rock-A-Chaw.

The big to-do about the campus before the Easter holidays was the presidential election sponsored by the Junior Civics classes under the direction of Brother Philip. The primary purpose of this election was to demonstrate an actual presidential election and democratic practices. Both classes were divided into parties and were allowed to campaign in the same manner as do the real political parties. They also chose party names. T. J. Gabb was the Rebelist candidate for president while Curtis Simon was the big Dixiecat boy. For the Rebelists, Billy Gearheard was vice-president followed by Jim Curran and Frank Brown as Senator and Representative respectively. In the Dixiecat party Gerald Gex was vice-president with Richard White Senator and Leonard Benvenutti Representative. Both parties were well organized and sponsored various political events.

Friday morning the entire school went to the voting polls to vote for their preferred parties. That same afternoon Brother Philip posted the final results which favored the Dixiecat party by a slim majority of five popular votes. Both parties wish to thank their voters for their support.

In the middle of all this, Brother Philip and Brother Leo found time to organize the varsity baseball team while Coach Day took over track. Both teams are showing plenty of spark, but only time can tell any definite results.

MUSIC PARADE

ON THE DOWN BEAT

The band returned from Jackson this year in the traditional manner, bearing a plaque for a superior rating. The superior was awarded for maneuvers along with an excellent in sight reading and a good in concert. Chuck Langley also received a superior rating as a signal drum major.

The band wishes to thank the Women's Auxiliary for the new hats which helped in the general appearance of the group at the state contest.

The annual spring concert is just around the corner. The audience this year will see the first appearance of the Junior band on a concert stage since the one presented many years ago by this group.

Through the efforts of the several Brothers in their spare time after school, the band will move into its new quarters sometime in the near future.

The dance band is scheduled and ready to play for the next Junior dance. The practices lately have been very fruitful.

Coach Day Seeks To Fill Vacancies; 29 Candidates Report

Another outstanding member of the class of '52 is Gregory Elton Favre.

Although born in New Orleans, Gregory has made Bay St. Louis his home all of his seventeen years, attending St. Joseph's Academy for three years and St. Stanislaus for nine years.

As class treasurer for the past four years he has proved himself to be a very capable and dependable boy.

Gregory has been active in all sports and also in the band. He has played many positions in the band but he is most capable as an alto clarinetist.

He played a very effective end on the varsity football team, having had a lot to do with Stanislaus' many victories. Gregory also managed basketball and boxing teams in 1950-51.

Gregory finds time in spite of his many activities to indulge in his hobby of photography.

His ambition to become a surgeon finds him ready to enroll in Tulane this fall to start his premedical studies.

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VARSITY CONCERT BAND poses for picture prior to Spring concert scheduled for May 8. Bottom picture is JUNIOR BAND composed of first year hopefuls.

29 CANDIDATES REPORT
To Coach Day For Workout

The '52 track season got underway on March 31 with Coach Day giving the call for recruits. Twenty-nine boys answered the summons and were at the initial work-out. Many gaps were left in the squad by graduation and the new squad will center mostly around the remaining lettermen. However, the new comers to the squad display the distinct Stanislaus quality of hard work and fair play.

Those out for the various events are as follows:

Pole vault: Jack Cassidy, Pat McDonald.

High Jump: Louis Ladner, James Cassidy, Buck Wilbert.

Broad Jump: Salvador Porter, A. J. Burke, Richard Woods.

Sprints: Alfredo Guevara, Andy Lott, Noville Cuevas, James Grace, Godfrey Vincent, Billy Gearheard, Richard Walton.

Distance races: Henry Bowman, Jose Dianose, Ed Hargrove, Bill Lucas, T. J. Gabb, Sullivan Barry, Jose Carior.

Shot Put: Vernon Quiros, Frank Hille, Ralph Hille, Glenn Orett, Jack Haverton, Douglas Talbot, Leon Fazzio.

ROCKACHAW "NINE" PREPS FOR SEASON

On Tuesday, April 1, baseball practice got underway preparing for the '52 "diamond" season, under the direction of Brother Philip. After two days of practice 15 of the 32 candidate were cut and the remaining 17 continued their heavy practice getting ready for their first game.

The following boys will continue to play: D. J. Luc, James Lamey, Don Mathes, Richard Kemmerly, Frank Brown, Alton Perelle, John Caruso, Jorge Rodriguez, Allen Conque, William LeMaitre, John Erickson, Robert Falgout, Freddie Cabell, Billy Scarborough, and Leonard Angelle.

Although the schedule is not yet complete, Brother Philip stated that the first game will be in the very near future. Brother Philip is confident that the Rock "9" will be a good match against any team they meet.

Trophies Given To Handball Winners

Brother Leo's handball tournament came to an end with the presentation of trophies to the first, second, and third place winners in both the senior and junior divisions. These awards were obtained with the profit from the Lenten series of movies which were shown to the boarders.

Alfredo Canler and his partner Curtis Simon merited top honors in the senior division with William Maldonado and Noville Cuevas coming a close second. Next in line were D. J. Luc and Ralph Hille who finished third.

Top spot in the junior division was held by Byron Kane and Ernesto Aldape. Finishing second were Arthur Mauffray and Clemence Cuevas with Pat Suarez and Leon Fazzio in the third place slot.

The trophies were awarded in accordance to the position merited. First place winners were presented a large trophy with second and third places getting smaller ones.

Red And White Clash Ends Spring Training

Spring football training ended March 28 with the second clash between the Reds and Whites. The two evenly matched teams displayed the fierce firepower of this year's grid squad.

The Reds scored the first touchdown late in the first half when Gabb snatched a pass by Caruso. The attempt for the extra point failed.

Not to be outdone, the Whites came back with a sensational run by newcomer Leonard Angelle from midfield. The tied score, 6-6, was unchanged throughout the remaining minutes of the game although both teams fought desperately for the lead.

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Camp Stanislaus To Open June 22

Camp Stanislaus, under the direction of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, will open its twenty-fourth annual session this year on June 22. Boys from eight to fourteen will be accepted for the five week period of healthful and wholesome vacation on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. The thousand-foot pier and the spacious buildings and grounds of St. Stanislaus College, and the new recreation hall will be at the disposal of the campers. A number of new boats are being built, and the old camp fleet is being reconditioned.

Brother Remigius,- who- was camp-master last year, will again be at his post for this session.

Brother Celsus, president of St. Stanislaus, says "Camp Stanislaus presents a wonderful opportunity to the growing boy to develop under trained supervision. It affords a vacation period without worry and anxiety to the busy mother and father, by keeping the boy away from the traffic-filled city streets and country highways. Address correspondence to:

THE DIRECTOR
Camp Stanislaus,
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Lenten Crossword Is Presented By Seniors

A cross-word puzzle put on by the seniors was the main event of the Confraternity meeting on Monday, April 7. The puzzle form was drawn on a blackboard and brought into the study hall where Master of Ceremonies Bobby Weigand gave out the riddles and amateur geniuses attempted to solve them.

The puzzle dealt with Lent and good works. Those solving the first riddles were given first chance on all following. After they had spent their intelligence and failed, anyone could make an attempt and if all failed there was a member of the Board of Experts composed of seniors, who could surely give the needed answer.

In the end the two brains who had given the greatest number of correct answers were given large holy pictures. Billy Gearheard took first place while James Becnel took second.

Bro. Louis stressed the importance of Holy Week and urged all to attend the services which would be held on the different days.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Brother Martial Plans Band Awards

Awards in the form of sweaters will be given to band members this year qualifying for them. The system of grading is based upon qualification points in punctuality, reliability, spirit of cooperation and general behavior. The awards will be furnished by funds raised through the efforts of the Band Auxiliary. This is the first year that the band has received any award. In previous years they were given to the dance orchestra.

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PICTURE TO LEFT - VARSITY AND JUNIOR BAND OFFICERS - Back Row, Varsity - Captain Paul Hurley; 1st Lieuteant, Larry Scharff; 2nd. Lieutenant, David Treuted; Sergeants Louis Lucas and Gerald Kimble.
Front Row - Junior - 2nd. Lieutenant, George Hewick; Sergeant Hector Bourg; 1st. Lieutenant, Carl Wilson and Captain Ernest Johnson.
PICTURE TO RIGHT—SOLOISTS AND MEMBERS OF ENSEMBLES —Saxophone - Paul Hurley, Louis Lucas and Roland Hewick; Baritones - Charles Langley and John Foto; Trumpets - Gerald Kimble and James Becnel; Clarinets - Harold Johnston, Larry Scharff and Gerald Gex.

Rockachaw Joins Quill And Scroll

Eight Stanislaus boys have joined in cooperation with the school to reorganize a local chapter of the international honorary Quill and Scroll journalism society.

Those boys elected to join are Frank Brown, Gerald Gex, Richard Harris, Paul Hurley, Donald Levy, Louis Lucas, Larry Scharff, and David Treutel.

The Quill and Scroll is an International honorary society for high school journalists. The society was established by Northwestern University, Chicago.

According to the constitution, members of Quill and Scroll must be chosen from the students enrolled in high school who at the time of their election meet the following requirements: (1) They must be of junior class rank. (2) They must be in the upper third of their class in general scholastic standing at the time of their election. (3) They must have done superior work in some phase of journalistic or creative endeavor. (4) They must be recommended by the advisor or by the committee governing publications. (5) They must be approved by the Executive Secretary of the society.

The Quill and Scroll sends out a monthly magazine to each of the schools in the society. The magazine contains the ratings of the schools according to the number of students and also give tips on improving one's writings.

When a school joins the Quill and Scroll it is eligible to submit its issues to the society for critical analysis and rating.

New Band Hall Nears Completion

The new band hall which has been under construction for the last month is now nearing the point of completion. The building will consist of a main rehearsal room, twelve small practice rooms and an equipment room, all furnished with an intercommunication system. The building will be furnished with acoustical tile to eliminate all unnecessary noise which would interfere with the music.

Thirty-Four Boys Comprise Junior Band

One of the most promising divisions of the S. S. C. Music Department is the Junior Band, a group of young musicians, not yet musically developed enough for the Varsity Band.

Of these thirty-four, Brother Martial, Band Director, believes that nearly all will be ready for the Varsity Band by next Contest Season.

The Junior Band will play at the Band Concert, sometime in May.

SPORTLIGHT...

Donald Levy

Congratulations cindermen on your first public performance at the Region 8 Field and Track Meet. After a little more practice we'll show that we can rate first place too.

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Fleet-footed Curtis Simon is again chalking up points for the Rock cinder squad. On April 19, he placed 2nd in both the high and low hurdles against tough competition at the Region meet. Simon has made quite a name for himself on the track and football teams because of his speed. I guess his experience comes from chasing 'gators in the swamp. Keep up the good work, Cajun.

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Fast stepping T. J. Gabb also showed his skill at the regional meet by placing second in the 880.

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Here's wishing Brother Philip's "nine" a very successful season. With players like pitcher D. J. Luc, who has lettered five years, and other veterans, the Rock "nine" will give any team tough competition.

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